

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 639

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Miss Jodie Tate, 2000 Valedictorian of Springfield High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Jodie Tate is one such exceptional student who recently was named valedictorian of the 2000 graduating class at Springfield High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Jodie has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Miss Tate has earned an exemplary 4.00 grade point average. She was the three-time recipient of the Stinger Award which goes to the top 15 students in her class; she also received awards for the highest class average in Advanced English I, Keyboarding, Software, and Home Economics in 1997, and in Geometry, Biology, American Business/Legal Systems, and Office Technology in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jodie was an attendant in the Football Homecoming Court in 1998 and 1999 and was Miss Springfield High School in the 1999-2000 school year. Her considerable

abilities found outlet through membership in the Business Professionals of America; the Junior Civitan Club; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; the Government Club; the History Club; the Press Club, in which she served as Secretary and Treasurer; the National Honor Society, in which she served as Treasurer; the Beta Club; Quill and Scroll; the Sigma Delta Sorority, in which she served as Reporter; the National Youth Leaders Conference; the Congressional Youth Leaders Conference; the State Youth Legislature; the Yellow Jacket Newspaper Staff, in which she was Business Manager; Girls State; Freshman Cheerleader; and Varsity Cheerleader, in which she currently serves as Captain; and

WHEREAS, Miss Tate has involved herself in community life as a member of the Junior Volunteer Program at NorthCrest Medical Center, the Adopt-a-Family program and Relay For Life; and

WHEREAS, Jodie has found time to work as a part-time salesperson and bookkeeper at Holman Jewelers, as a part-time lifeguard and part-time server at Springfield Country Club, and as a part-time lifeguard at the Robertson County YMCA; and

WHEREAS, Miss Tate will be pursuing higher education at Belmont University following her graduation, and has equipped herself for success through her academic performance, work, and extracurricular pursuits; and

WHEREAS, Jodie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Miss Tate's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Brent and Cynthia Tate, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Jodie Tate's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Springfield High School

Valedictorian, Miss Jodie Tate, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.